

Association of Community Development Corporations, Boston, on behalf of the Massachusetts Micro-enterprise Coalition; Katharine W. McKee, Center for Community Self-Help, Durham, North Carolina; Ellen Golden, Coastal Enterprises, Inc., Wiscasset, Maine, on behalf of the Association for Enterprise Opportunity; Angela Fair, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and George White, Helena, Arkansas, both on behalf of the Arkansas Enterprise Group; and John F. Else, Institute for Social and Economic Development, Iowa City, Iowa.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported H.J. Res. 75, to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope.

Also, committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 1870–1897; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 82, H. Con. Res. 96–98, and H. Res. 166, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1747, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize the design and construction of additions to the parking garage and certain site improvements, amended (H. Rept. 105–130); and

H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, amended (H. Rept. 105–131 Part I).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Robert Baggott III of Wayzata, Minnesota.

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Flag Desecration Constitutional Amendment: By a yea-and-nay vote of 310 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 202, the House passed H.J. Res. 64, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 163, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m.

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Supplemental Emergency Appropriations—Order of Business: It was made in order that the Committees on Appropriations and the Budget be discharged from the further consideration of H.R. 1871 and that it shall be in order at any time to consider the

bill in the House; that the bill be debatable for not to exceed one hour to be equally divided and controlled by Chairman Livingston and Representative Obey; that all points of order against the bill and against its consideration be waived; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion, except one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 74 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 203, the House passed H.R. 1871, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, June 16: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, June 16.

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Meeting Hour—Tuesday, June 17: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, June 16, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, June 18.

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Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of May 7, 1997 be extended through Tuesday, June 24, 1997. The order of the House concerning the ethics process made in order:

During the period beginning immediately and ending on June 24, 1997: (1) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House; (2) the Committee on Standard of Official Conduct may issue advisory opinions and perform other non-investigative functions; and (3) a resolution addressing the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House that is proposed to be offered from the floor by a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader, or a Member designated from the floor by the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader at the time of notice pursuant to clause 2(A)(1) of Rule IX, as a question of the privileges of the House shall once noticed pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of Rule IX, have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after June 24, 1997.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3755–56 and H3789. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST ECOSYSTEM; BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on forest ecosystem health in the Pacific Coast and Southern Regions. Testimony was heard from Ann Hanus, Assistant Forester, Department of Forestry, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

The Committee also approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Commerce: Approved the following Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation: Title IV—Committee on Commerce-Medicare; Title III, Subtitle E—Medicaid; and Title III, Subtitle F—State Child Health Coverage Assistance.

EXPANSION OF PORTABILITY AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE ACT; BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1515, Expansion of Portability and Health Insurance Coverage Act of 1997.

The Committee also approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families approved for full Committee action amended the following measures: H.R. 1853, Carl D. Perkins Vocation and Applied Technology Act Amendments of 1997; H.R. 1818, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1997; and H.Res. 139, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Education, States, and local education agencies should spend a greater percentage of Federal education tax dollars in our children's classrooms.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on Reducing Regulatory Mandates on Education. Testimony was heard from Representative Granger; and public witnesses.

BIOMATERIALS ACCESS ASSURANCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 872, Biomaterials Access Assurance Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 103, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1997; Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act of 1997; H.R. 748, amended, Prohibition on Financial Transactions With Countries Supporting Terrorism Act of 1997; H.R. 1532, amended, Veterans' Cemetery Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 1683, Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offenders Registration Improvements Act of 1997; H.Res. 154, expressing the sense of the House that the Nation's children are its most valuable assets and that their protection should be the Nation's highest priority; H.Con.Res. 75, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should